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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, FEBRUARY 15, 2000

APPLICATION OF

QWEST COMMUNICATIONS  
CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA

CASE NO. PUC990209

For a certificate of public  
convenience and necessity  
to provide local exchange  
telecommunications services

FINAL ORDER

On November 5, 1999, Qwest Communications Corporation of Virginia ("Qwest" or "Applicant") filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("certificate") requesting authority to provide local exchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. Qwest initially intends to provide only data services.

By Order dated December 9, 1999, the Commission directed the Company to provide notice to the public of its application, directed the Commission Staff to conduct an investigation and file a Staff Report, and scheduled a public hearing to receive evidence relevant to Qwest's application. On January 19, 2000, Staff filed its Report finding that Qwest's application was in compliance with the Rules Governing the Offering of Competitive

Local Exchange Telephone Service ("Local Rules"), as codified in 20 VAC 5-400-180.

A hearing was conducted on February 9, 2000,<sup>1</sup> at which time Qwest filed all proofs of publication and proof of service as required by the December 9, 1999, Scheduling Order. At the hearing, the application and accompanying attachments, and the Staff Report were entered into the record without objection. Qwest agreed to the recommendations contained in the Staff Report.

Having considered the application and the Staff Report, the Commission finds that Qwest should be granted a certificate to provide local exchange telecommunications services throughout Virginia. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Qwest Communications Corporation of Virginia hereby is granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. T-476, to provide local exchange telecommunications services subject to the restrictions set forth in the Rules Governing the Offering of Competitive Local Exchange Service, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this Order.

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<sup>1</sup> By Order of January 28, 2000, the Commission rescheduled the hearing on Qwest's application from January 26, 2000. The Commission's offices were closed that day due to inclement weather.

(2) Qwest shall provide tariffs to the Division of Communications that conform with all applicable Commission rules and regulations.

(3) At such time as voice services are initiated by the Applicant, Qwest shall comply with all requirements of § C of the Local Rules.

(4) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this case shall be dismissed and the papers herein placed in the file for ended causes.